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Status

☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/23/02

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-58 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-22 is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 5, 23-58 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement

Application Papers

- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the:

☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____

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in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

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Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Other _____

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Reissue Application

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

1. ^{cancel} Claims 5, 27 and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being
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indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which
applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 5 and 27 which recite that "wherein said cam contacts and moves said support member" seem inconsistent with the recitations in parent claims 1, 23 and 47 that the cam is adapted to move the position of the bending plate laterally with respect to the support member to urge the free end portions of the contact members into contact with the terminal balls.

2. Claims 23-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as failing to set forth the subject matter which applicant(s) regard as their invention. Evidence that claims 23-58 fail(s) to correspond in scope with that which applicant(s) regard as the invention can be found in Paper No. 14 filed 12/23/02. In that paper, applicant has included an amendment of the specification begins at Col. 4 line 18 and ends at Col. 4, line 35, and this amendment indicates that the invention is different from what is defined in the claim(s) because applicant still retain the inventive concept that support member 22 has a plurality of windows 23 extending therethrough.


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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Khiem Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-1738.

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